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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1), applicants hereby petition the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office for a three-month extension of time to respond to an Office Action dated August 16, 2007. Applicants have authorized the Director to charge payment of the Extension fee. With the extension, a response is due on or before February 16, 2008. The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16, in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to deposit Account No. 50-0725

Respectfully submitted.

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